Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any truth in the rumour that is afloat that the Maharaja's College is going to send out 37 students after keeping them for two months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer in the matter of rumours.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will all the students now in the College be retained for the whole year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as Government know, they will be retained.

Tanks in Kaiparamba Panchayat.

215. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Kaiparamba Panchayat has been asking for funds for repairing the following tanks in the Anjoor Village, *viz.*, (1) കൊള്ളന്നൂർകുളം (2) പള്ളിക്കുളം (3) അരാരകുളം;

(b) how long the Panchayat had been asking like this and what is the amount asked for;

(c) has the Government conducted any inquiry into the necessity for having these tanks repaired;

(d) what is the population of the Anjoor Village;

(e) what is the land tax collected from the village;

(f) will the Government be pleased to sanction the repair of these tanks at once?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) From 1097 onwards. Rs. 350, Rs. 500 and Rs. 300 respectively.

(c) No special enquiry appears to have been made.

(d) 2,241.

(e) Rs. 2,146—8—0.

(f) Enquiries will be made regarding the necessity for repairing these tanks and provision made in the future budgets according to the urgency and usefulness of the works and the availability of funds.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—This village of 2,241 inhabitants has been petitioning the Government for a small amount of Rs. 350 for repairing three tanks in their village. I am told in answer to (c) that no special inquiry seems to have been made and the answer to (f) is enquiries will be made regarding the necessity etc'. Am I to understand that Government did not inquire into this matter for the last 10 years although incessant appeals were made by the Panchayat for want of inclination to the Government to help this Panchayat or for their want of influence in the Government Department.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are any number of requisitions from several other Panchayats as well and in many cases it has not been possible to conduct detailed inquiries.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the Government satisfied with the necessity for these tanks ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer to (b) makes it quite clear.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan.—The Panchayat is a self-governing body intended to look after the affairs of the villages concerned and when they make representations for a course of ten years what is the difficulty for the Government to provide a small sum of Rs. 1,150 ? We are spending a lot of money.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The difficulty is certainly these works were not considered to be so urgent as those which have been inquired into and found more urgent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Without inquiry into this, how did the Government know that this was not as urgent as the others ? It is said that there was no inquiry and that this was not taken up because were other works were more urgent than this.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As I explained, Sir, just now, there are several other requisitions from other Panchayats. It is not possible for Government to look into each and every item. Every attempt is made to help the Panchayats. At the same time from reports and inquiries made, *prima facie* cases are made out that certain works are more urgent. In the comparative merits of such works detailed inquiries are made. These works do not come under 'most urgent' and therefore they were not provided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I take it that these works will be provided for in the next year's budget ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Provided the results of the inquiry are favourable.

Text Book Committee.

216. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what the constitution of the Text-Book Committee is at present;

(b) how long this constitution has been in existence ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Messrs. T. P. Ananthanarayana Ayyar.

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